

2016 – 21st ANNUAL MONTANA STATE 4-H SHOOTING & ARCHERY SPORTS COMPETITION

MARCH 4 -- MARCH 6, 2016

Dear 4-H Members, Parents, and Leaders,

We look forward to hosting the 2016 – 21st Annual Montana State 4-H Shooting & Archery Sports Competition on March 4 to March 6, 2016 in Bozeman. Please read the information carefully as it includes a lot of details.

❖ Requirement for all Airgun Events:

We plan to use targets which will be scored with an Orion scoring machine. Competitors will need to have a **CMP NUMBER** for identification. If you don't have one already, you can register at: <http://odcmp.com/Competitions.htm>. There is no cost for this number and it will be used in other competitions. If you are unable to obtain this number, we will do so upon receiving your entry form.

- ❖ **Range Fees** – Airgun and Smallbore competitors will each be charged a **\$5 range fee** to help with the increased cost of the facility. Because of the loss of our shooting facility, all airgun and smallbore events will be held at the *Gallatin County Fairgrounds*. The 4-H program is charged full cost for the use of the facility; therefore, a range fee is being added to help offset the rent.

➤ Locations:

- *Airgun Events* – Gallatin County Fairgrounds, Bozeman
- *Smallbore Events* – Gallatin County Fairgrounds, Bozeman
- *Silhouette Events* – Gallatin County Fairgrounds, Bozeman
- *Archery Events* – Big Sky Archery, 77 Laura Louise Lane, Bozeman

To encourage early registrations, the deadlines are:

Early Bird discount - \$12/event, if postmarked by February 8, 2016

Regular - \$14/event, if postmarked by February 15, 2016

Late - \$16/event, if postmarked by February 26, 2016

Entries will be limited to the first 400 who send **applications AND prepayments**. After that, we will take entries **ONLY** if there are available firing points left. Squadding lists will be posted on the State 4-H web address: <http://www.montana4h.org>

Carefully review the “General Rules” (separate attachment). If you still have questions, these are the following contacts.

Archery: Registration & Squadding: Vanessa Olson – 2qtcircle@gmail.com – 406-431-1598

Airgun: Registration & Squadding: Lisa Strauch – ehlke1964@gmail.com – 406-388-8315

Other Airgun questions: Lee Nelson – rlittle33@msn.com – 406-579-0612

Smallbore: Scott Francis – sfrancismhs@yahoo.com – 406-581-845 or Tom Everett – 406-570-8878

Silhouette: Lee Nelson – rlittle33@msn.com – 406-579-0612

Leave message on voice mail machines – calls will be returned during evenings or on weekends. **Please remember the volunteers are not usually available during daytime hours so please be patient when waiting for responses.** You may contact Gallatin County's Extension Office if you cannot reach anyone else (406-388-3213).

- ❖ ****A Junior Olympic – 3P qualifier match for Sporter and Precision will be held on Saturday at the 6:00pm relay. To sign up, contact Lisa Nelson at 406-920-2115 or rlittle33@msn.com**

The 4-H National Competition (ages 14 & up as of 01/01/2016, but can't turn 20 before January 1 of the current year) will be held on June 26 – July 1, 2016 in Grand Island, NE. Selection of the Air Rifle Team to represent Montana will be done by combining the sporter scores (3 position & standing) – the 4 top scoring individual will make up the air rifle team. The 4 top scoring individuals in each of the Air Pistol and Smallbore Events will be invited to represent Montana on their respective teams.

Emailing your interest is great, but we need the actual form MAILED to us to insure entry. **Prepaid entry forms mailed to us guarantee squadding of firing points for the match.** We hope to see you there!

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Note: Participants must be 4-H members to compete in this event. Participants must be enrolled in High School or lower at the time of the event. This is a directive from the Montana State 4-H Council to insure liability coverage etc.

- **Participants:** All Participants must be 9-19 years old as of October 1, 2015 and registered members of Montana's 4-H Program to receive ribbons or other awards.
- **4-H Individual Awards:** Awards will be given to the top shooter in each event, as well as to the top three shooters in each event by the age group entered. Age groups for airgun and archery events are: 9-10 yrs, 11-12 yrs, 13-14 yrs, and 15+ yrs old. The smallbore rifle event will present awards to the top shooter, as well as to the top three shooters in age groups as follows: 10-12 yrs, 13-14 yrs, & 15+ yrs old.
- **Sanctioning of 4-H Competition:** Our competition is intended to provide a friendly learning atmosphere and to promote the 4-H spirit through fun, friendly, constructive experiences. The 4-H events are **NOT** officially sanctioned events by the NRA, JOAD, ATA, NMLRA, IBO, etc. Such organizations offer their own highly competitive events. For more information on events sanction by these groups, please contact those organizations directly.
- **Entries:** Entry forms must be completed in Full. Mail all prepaid entries by deadlines to:

**Gallatin County 4-H
201 West Madison, Ste 300
Belgrade, MT 59714**

- **PREPAID Individual entries for all events must be POSTMARKED on or before deadlines on registration form to guarantee a time and shooting position.** Phone calls for reservation times will be noted, ***however***, we will not officially squad competitors without a "**prepaid written entry form**". Competitors who wait until they arrive in Bozeman to sign up for an event will not be turned away, but will be accepted ONLY if there is an open position.
- Refunds are offered on a limited basis for those who contact us in writing or by e-mail: ehlke1964@gmail.com before February 24, 2016. To receive a refund, you must include ALL details regarding your child's name, address, county, phone number, etc. to identify the cancellation and refund. Send or email a copy of your registration form if possible when requesting a refund. Refunds will be honored through our Gallatin County Extension Office and will be mailed **after** the weekend event has been concluded. **Certain refunds will be approved through March 18, 2015 ONLY for circumstances out of participant's control (excessive weather hindering travel, death, or physical injury that restrict participation).** **Approval and requests for these refunds need to be sent to 4-H office with supporting documentation.**

Directions and Addresses:

Big Sky Archery – 77 Laura Louise Lane, Bozeman

From I-90, exit at Belgrade and head south on Jackrabbit Lane toward Baxter Lane and Four Corners. Turn west (right) on Baxter Lane, take the first right (north) onto Laura Louise Lane.

From Bozeman, go west on Huffine Lane to Four Corners. At the intersection, turn right onto Jackrabbit (north) and proceed about 2 miles to Baxter Lane. Turn West (left) onto Baxter, take the first right (north) onto Laura Louise Lane.

Gallatin County Fairgrounds – 901 North Black, Bozeman – Greenway Range and Indoor Arena

From I-90, exit at North 7th Ave. Proceed south on North 7th Avenue to Tamarack, go east (left) to North Black. Turn left into parking lot.